

## Emergency Solutions Grant Services

This document identifies all of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Eligible Services, Financial Assistance and Activities allowable under HUD's ESG Interim Rule. This information was compiled by DHCD from PowerPoint documents prepared by HUD, from the ESG Interim Rule and from Questions and Answers submitted to HUD.

Use of this document and forthcoming DHCD documents doesn't change any sub-recipient's responsibility to read and understand with the ESG Interim Rule.

This document does not address HMIS Costs or Administrative Costs. It is intended to assist program staff by consolidating the information currently available through an array of different resources.

DHCD suggests:

1. That this document be used in conjunction with HUD guidance and the additional DHCD ESG documents which will be forthcoming. These are expected to be:
  - Participant Eligibility for each ESG Component;
  - Program Requirements for each Component
  - Documentation Requirements for each Component; and that
2. Each ESG sub-recipient review this document in the context of its contract with its ESG funder(s) to ensure that the ESG Grantee and ESG sub-recipient are in agreement with which financial assistance, services, and program requirements each sub-recipient is authorized to provide to ESG participants. DHCD ESG sub-recipients will use both DHCD's complete RFR and the sub-recipient's response to that RFR to be sure about which financial assistance, services, and other activities it is authorized to provide. Where DHCD established limits on financial assistance or established narrower caps on other financial benefits which were different than those HUD allowed within the Interim Rule, those changes are identified in Blue ink in the attached document.

### Eligible Services, Activities, Financial Assistance

- ❖ Street Outreach
- ❖ Shelter Rehabilitation, Renovation and Conversion
- ❖ Emergency Shelter Essential Services
- ❖ Emergency Shelter Operations
- ❖ Homelessness Prevention Services Component
- ❖ Rapid Re-housing Component
  1. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
  2. Short-term and medium-term rental assistance

## **Street Outreach**

**Eligible Program Participants are individuals and families who are homeless and living in a place not meant for human habitation.**

Street Outreach services are provided on the street or in parks, abandoned buildings, bus stations, campgrounds, and in other such settings where unsheltered persons are staying. Staff salaries related to carrying out street outreach activities are also eligible costs.

Street Outreach services must be included under the Street Outreach component in the interim rule to be eligible costs with ESG funds.

### **Engagement**

Activities to locate, identify and build relationships with **unsheltered homeless people** for the purpose of providing immediate support, intervention, and connections with homeless assistance programs and/or mainstream social services and housing programs.

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Initial assessment of needs and eligibility
- ✓ Providing crisis counseling
- ✓ Addressing urgent physical needs
- ✓ Actively connecting and providing info and referral
- ✓ Cell phone costs of outreach workers

### **Case Management**

Assessing housing and service needs, and arranging/coordinating/monitoring the delivery of individualized services.

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Using the centralized or coordinated assessment system
- ✓ Initial evaluation / verifying and documenting eligibility
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Developing / securing / coordinating services
- ✓ Helping obtain Federal, state, and local benefits
- ✓ Monitoring / evaluating participant progress
- ✓ Providing information and referral to other providers
- ✓ Developing an individualized housing / service plan

### **Emergency Health Services**

Outpatient treatment of urgent medical conditions by **licensed medical professionals** in community-based settings (e.g., streets, parks, and campgrounds) to eligible participants unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter or an appropriate healthcare facility.

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Assessing participants' health problems and developing treatment plans
- ✓ Assisting participants to understand their health needs
- ✓ Providing or helping participants obtain appropriate emergency medical treatment
- ✓ Providing medication and follow-up services

### **Emergency Mental Health Services**

Outpatient treatment of urgent mental health conditions by licensed professionals in community-based settings (e.g., streets, parks, and campgrounds) to those eligible participants unable or unwilling to access emergency shelter or an appropriate healthcare facility.

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Crisis interventions
- ✓ Prescription of psychotropic medications
- ✓ Explain the use and management of medications
- ✓ Combinations of therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems

**Street Outreach** (continued)

**Transportation**

Travel by outreach workers, social workers, medical professionals or other service providers during the provision of eligible street outreach services.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Transporting unsheltered people to emergency shelters or other service facilities
- ✓ Cost of a participant's travel on public transit
- ✓ Mileage allowance for outreach workers to visit participants
- ✓ Purchasing/leasing a vehicle to use in conducting outreach activities, including the cost of gas, insurance, taxes and maintenance for the vehicle
- ✓ Costs of staff to accompany or assist participants to use public transportation

**Services to Special Populations**

Otherwise eligible Essential Services that have been tailored to address the special needs of **homeless youth, victims of domestic violence** and related crimes/threats, and/or **people living with HIV/AIDS** who are literally homeless.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Engagement
- ✓ Case Management
- ✓ Emergency Health Services
- ✓ Emergency Mental Health Services
- ✓ Transportation

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### **Rehabilitation, Renovation and Conversion**

**Renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals or converting a building for use as an emergency shelter.**

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Labor
- ✓ Materials
- ✓ Tools
- ✓ Other costs for renovation, including soft costs
- ✓ Major rehabilitation of an emergency shelter
- ✓ Conversion of a building into an emergency shelter

### **Rehabilitation and Renovation**

#### **Minimum Period of Use Requirement and Building Valuation**

##### **Major Rehabilitation**

**10 years:** If rehab costs exceed 75% of the value of the building before rehab

\* Recorded deed or use restriction required

##### **Conversion**

**10 years:** If rehab costs exceed 75% of the value of the building after rehab

##### **Other Renovation**

**3 years:** If rehab costs are 75% or less of the value of the building before rehab

## **Emergency Shelter Essential Services**

**Eligible ESG Program participants are individuals and families who are homeless and residing in emergency shelter.**

### **HUD Emergency Shelter Definition**

An emergency shelter is any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities are the following essential services and staff costs related to carrying out these activities. Services must be included under the emergency shelter component in the interim rule to be eligible costs with ESG funds.

### **Shelter essential services**

#### *Eligible Activities*

- **Case Management**
- **Life Skills**
- **Child Care**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Education Services**
- **Employment Assistance and Job Training**
- **Outpatient Health Services**
- **Legal Services**
- **Substance Abuse Treatment Services**
- **Transportation Services for Special Populations**

**Shelter essential services: Case Management** includes assessing, arranging, coordinating, monitoring individualized services.

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Using the centralized or coordinated assessment system
- ✓ Initial evaluation including verifying and documenting eligibility
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Developing, securing and coordinating services including Federal, State, and local benefits
- ✓ Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress
- ✓ Providing information and referrals to other providers
- ✓ Providing ongoing risk assessment and safety planning with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- ✓ Developing an individualized housing and service plan

**Shelter essential services: Child Care** is licensed child care for program participants with children under the age of 13, or disabled children under the age of 18.

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Child care costs
- ✓ Meals and snacks
- ✓ Comprehensive and coordinated sets of appropriate developmental activities

**Emergency Shelter Essential Services (continued)**

**Shelter essential services: Education** is instruction or training to enhance participants' ability to obtain and maintain housing: literacy, English literacy, GED, consumer education, health education, and substance abuse prevention.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Educational services / skill-building
- ✓ Screening, assessment and testing
- ✓ Individual or group instruction
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ Provision of books, supplies and instructional material
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Referral to community resources

**Shelter Essential Service: Employment Assistance and Job Training** are services assisting participants to secure employment and job training programs.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Classroom, online and/or computer instruction
- ✓ Employment screening, assessment, or testing
- ✓ On the job instruction
- ✓ Structured job seeking support
- ✓ Job finding, skill building
- ✓ Reasonable stipends in employment assistance and job training programs
- ✓ Books and instructional material
- ✓ Special training and tutoring, including literacy and pre-vocational training
- ✓ Counseling or job coaching
- ✓ Referral to community resources

**Shelter Essential Service: Outpatient Health Services** Direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions provided by licensed medical professionals.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Assessing health problems and developing a treatment plan
- ✓ Assisting program participants to understand their health needs
- ✓ Providing or helping participants get appropriate medical treatment, preventive medical care, and health services, including emergency medical services
- ✓ Providing medication and follow-up services
- ✓ Providing preventive and non-cosmetic dental care

**Shelter Essential Service: Legal Services** regarding matters that interfere with the program participant's ability to obtain and retain housing.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Hourly fees for legal advice and representation by licensed attorneys and certain other fees-for-service
- ✓ Client intake, preparation of cases for trial, provision of legal advice, representation at hearings, and counseling
- ✓ Filing fees and other necessary court costs Child Support and/or Guardianship.
- ✓ Paternity
- ✓ Emancipation
- ✓ Legal separation
- ✓ Resolution of outstanding criminal warrants
- ✓ Appeal of veterans and public assistance benefit claim denials
- ✓ Orders of protection and other civil remedies for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

**Emergency Shelter Essential Services** (continued)

**Shelter Essential Service: Life Skills Training** on critical life management skills necessary to assist the program participant to function independently in the community.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Budgeting resources
- ✓ Managing money
- ✓ Managing a household
- ✓ Resolving conflict
- ✓ Shopping for food and needed items
- ✓ Improving nutrition
- ✓ Using public transportation
- ✓ Parenting

**Shelter Essential Service: Mental Health Services**

Direct outpatient treatment of mental health conditions by licensed professionals.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Crisis interventions
- ✓ Individual, family or group therapy sessions
- ✓ Prescription of psychotropic medications or explanations about the use and management of medications
- ✓ Combinations of therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems

**Shelter Essential Service: Substance Abuse Treatment Services** provided by licensed or certified professionals, designed to prevent, reduce, eliminate or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Client intake and assessment
- ✓ Outpatient treatment for up to thirty days
- ✓ Group and individual counseling
- ✓ Drug testing

**Shelter Essential Service: Transportation**

Costs of travel by program participants to and from medical care, employment, child care, or other facilities that provide eligible essential services; and cost of staff travel to support provision of essential services.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Cost of a program participant's travel on public transportation
- ✓ Mileage allowance for service workers to visit participants
- ✓ Purchasing or leasing a vehicle used for transport of participants and/or staff serving participants, including the cost of gas, insurance, taxes and vehicle maintenance
- ✓ Travel costs of staff to accompany or assist program participants to use public transportation

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**Emergency Shelter Essential Services** (continued)

**Shelter Essential Services for Special Populations**

Otherwise eligible essential services tailored to address the special needs of homeless **youth**, victims of **domestic violence** and related crimes/threats, and people living with **HIV/AIDS** in emergency shelters.

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Case Management
- ✓ Legal Services
- ✓ Child Care
- ✓ Education Services
- ✓ Employment Assistance and Job Training
- ✓ Outpatient Health Services
- ✓ Life Skills Training
- ✓ Mental Health Services
- ✓ Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- ✓ Transportation



**Emergency Shelter: Operations**

**Shelter Operations**

Costs to operate and maintain emergency shelters and also provide other emergency lodging when appropriate

*Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Maintenance (including minor or routine repairs)
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Furnishings
- ✓ Rent
- ✓ Equipment
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Fuel
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Utilities
- ✓ Supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter
- ✓ Hotel or motel voucher for family or individual\*

\*Hotel or motel vouchers are only eligible when no appropriate emergency shelter is available.

## **Homelessness Prevention Services**

### **Eligible Financial Assistance and Services and Activities:**

**Within the Homelessness Prevention Component ESG funds may be used to provide:**

- ✓ **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services; and**
- ✓ **Short- and/or Medium-Term Rental Assistance** as necessary to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or another place not meant for human habitation. This assistance, referred to as homelessness prevention, may be provided to individuals and families who meet the criteria under the "at risk of homelessness" definition, or who meet the criteria in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of the "homeless" definition and have an annual income **below 30 percent** of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD.

The costs of homelessness prevention are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help the program participant regain stability in the program participant's current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Homelessness prevention must be provided in accordance with the **housing relocation and stabilization services** requirements, the **short-term and medium-term rental assistance requirements** and the Program Requirements.

**These types of assistance together are Homeless Prevention Component of ESG and may be provided to program participants who meet the At-Risk of homelessness criteria.**

### **1. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services**

**(a) Financial Assistance.** ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs:

#### *Eligible Costs*

ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs:

- ✓ Rental application fees if charged by the owner to all applicants.
- ✓ Security deposits equal to no more than 2 months' rent. **(1 month for DHCD ESG)**
- ✓ Last month's rent if required to obtain housing for a program participant, the last month's rent may be paid from ESG funds to the owner of that housing at the time the owner is paid the security deposit and the first month's rent. This assistance must not exceed one month's rent and must be included in calculating the program participant's total rental assistance, which cannot exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.
- ✓ Utility deposits. A standard utility deposit required by the utility company for all customers for the utilities listed as utility payments listed in the next bullet.
- ✓ Utility payments: Up to 24 months of utility payments per program participant, per service, including up to 6 months of utility payments in arrears, per service. A partial payment of a utility bill counts as one month. This assistance may only be provided if the program participant or a member of the same household has an account in his or her name with a utility company or proof of responsibility to make utility payments. Eligible utility services are gas, electric, water, and sewage. No program participant shall receive more than 24 months of utility assistance within any 3-year period.

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### **Homelessness Prevention Services**

#### **1. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services;**

Moving costs. ESG funds may pay for moving costs, such as truck rental or hiring a moving company. This assistance may include payment of temporary storage fees for up to 3 months, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the program participant begins receiving Rapid Re-Housing services and before the program participant moves into permanent housing. *(Payment of temporary storage fees is not an allowable cost under DHCD's ESG program.)*

**Note: Total financial assistance under DHCD ESG Grants cannot exceed \$4,000 in a 24-month period or \$2,000 if the household has or is expected to have publicly funded rental assistance.**

**(b) Services or activities** necessary to assist participants in locating, obtaining, and retaining suitable permanent housing, include the following:

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Assessment of housing barriers, needs, and preferences;
- ✓ Development of an action plan for locating housing;
- ✓ Housing search;
- ✓ Outreach to and negotiation with owners;
- ✓ Assistance with submitting rental applications and understanding leases;
- ✓ Assessment of housing for compliance with Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) requirements for habitability, lead-based paint, and rent reasonableness (See Checklist.)
- ✓ Assistance with obtaining utilities and making moving arrangements;
- ✓ Tenant counseling.
- ✓ Housing stability case management. Assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for a program participant who resides in permanent housing or to assist a program participant in overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing. This assistance cannot exceed 30 days during the period the program participant is seeking permanent housing and cannot exceed 24 months during the period the program participant is living in permanent housing.
- ✓ Component services and activities consist of:
  - Conducting the initial evaluation including verifying and documenting eligibility, for individuals and families applying for homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance;
  - Counseling;
  - Developing, securing, and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State, and local benefits;
  - Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
  - Providing information and referrals to other providers;
  - Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability; and

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## **Homelessness Prevention Services**

### **2. Homeless Prevention: Short-term and medium-term rental assistance**

An ESG recipient or sub-recipient recipient may provide a program participant with up to 24 months of rental assistance during any 3-year period. This assistance may be short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, payment of rental arrears, or any combination of this assistance.

#### *Eligible Costs*

The following are eligible rental assistance costs subject to the rent restrictions identified below

- ✓ Short-term rental assistance: up to 3 months of rent.
- ✓ Medium-term rental assistance: more than 3 months but not more than 24 months rent
- ✓ Payment of rental arrears consists of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.
- ✓ Rental assistance may be tenant- based or project-based,

#### **Eligible Financial Assistance and Services and Activities:**

**Within the Homelessness Prevention Component ESG funds may be used to provide:**

- ✓ **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services;** and
- ✓ **Short- and/or Medium-Term Rental Assistance** as necessary to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or another place not meant for human habitation. This assistance, referred to as homelessness prevention, may be provided to individuals and families who meet the criteria under the “at risk of homelessness” definition, or who meet the criteria in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of the “homeless” definition and have an annual income **below 30 percent** of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD.

The costs of homelessness prevention are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help the program participant regain stability in the program participant’s current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Homelessness prevention must be provided in accordance with the **housing relocation and stabilization services** requirements, the **short-term and medium-term rental assistance requirements** and the Program Requirements.

**These types of assistance together are Homeless Prevention Component of ESG and may be provided to program participants who meet the At-Risk of homelessness criteria.**

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**Rapid Re-housing Component**

Rapid re- housing assistance must be provided in accordance with the **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services requirements, Short- and Medium- Term Rental Assistance Requirements** and the written standards and procedures listed under **Program Requirements**.

1. **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services**; and
2. **Short- and/or Medium-Term Rental Assistance** as necessary to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

These types of assistance, which together are **Rapid Re-housing assistance**, may be provided to ESG eligible program participants who meet either of the following criteria **and** who reside in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation.

1. **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services requirements**

**(a) Financial Assistance.** ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs:

*Eligible Costs*

ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs:

- ✓ Rental application fees if charged by the owner to all applicants.
- ✓ Security deposits equal to no more than 2 months' rent. (1 month for DHCD ESG)
- ✓ Last month's rent if required to obtain housing for a program participant, the last month's rent may be paid from ESG funds to the owner of that housing at the time the owner is paid the security deposit and the first month's rent. This assistance must not exceed one month's rent and must be included in calculating the program participant's total rental assistance, which cannot exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.
- ✓ Utility deposits. A standard utility deposit required by the utility company for all customers for the utilities listed as utility payments listed in the next bullet.
- ✓ Utility payments: Up to 24 months of utility payments per program participant, per service, including up to 6 months of utility payments in arrears, per service. A partial payment of a utility bill counts as one month. This assistance may only be provided if the program participant or a member of the same household has an account in his or her name with a utility company or proof of responsibility to make utility payments. Eligible utility services are gas, electric, water, and sewage. No program participant shall receive more than 24 months of utility assistance within any 3-year period.
- ✓ Moving costs. ESG funds may pay for moving costs, such as truck rental or hiring a moving company. This assistance may include payment of temporary storage fees for up to 3 months, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the program participant begins receiving Rapid Re-Housing services and before the program participant moves into permanent housing. (Payment of temporary storage fees is not an allowable cost under DHCD's ESG program.)

**Note: Total financial assistance under DHCD ESG Grants cannot exceed \$4,000 in a 24-month or \$2,000 if the household has or is expected to have publicly funded rental assistance.**

## **Rapid Re-Housing**

### **1. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services requirements (continued)**

**(b) Services or activities** necessary to assist participants in locating, obtaining, and retaining suitable permanent housing, include the following:

#### *Eligible Costs*

- ✓ Assessment of housing barriers, needs, and preferences;
- ✓ Development of an action plan for locating housing;
- ✓ Housing search;
- ✓ Outreach to and negotiation with owners;
- ✓ Assistance with submitting rental applications and understanding leases;
- ✓ Assessment of housing for compliance with Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) requirements for habitability, lead-based paint, and rent reasonableness (See Checklist.)
- ✓ Assistance with obtaining utilities and making moving arrangements;
- ✓ Tenant counseling.
- ✓ Housing stability case management. Assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for a program participant who resides in permanent housing or to assist a program participant in overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing. This assistance cannot exceed 30 days during the period the program participant is seeking permanent housing and cannot exceed 24 months during the period the program participant is living in permanent housing.
- ✓ Component services and activities consist of:
  - Conducting the initial evaluation including verifying and documenting eligibility, for individuals and families applying for homelessness prevention or rapid re- housing assistance;
  - Counseling;
  - Developing, securing, and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State, and local benefits;
  - Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
  - Providing information and referrals to other providers;
  - Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability; and

## **Rapid Re-Housing**

### **1. Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services**

- Conducting annual re-evaluations required for Rapid Re-Housing and Quarterly re-evaluations for Homelessness Prevention. (DHCD is requiring mid-term re-evaluations for rapid re-housing for Rapid Re-Housing and Quarterly re-evaluations for re-evaluations for Prevention.)
- Mediation between the program participant and the owner or person(s) with whom the program participant is living, provided that the mediation is necessary to prevent the program participant from losing permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.
- Legal services. ESG funds may pay for legal services, except that the eligible subject matters also include landlord/tenant matters, and the services must be necessary to resolve a legal problem that prohibits the program participant from obtaining permanent housing or will likely result in the program participant losing the permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.
- Credit repair. ESG funds may pay for credit counseling and other services necessary to assist program participants with critical skills related to household budgeting, managing money, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit problems. This assistance does not include the payment or modification of a debt.
- Maximum amounts and periods of assistance. Each ESG Grantee may set a maximum dollar amount that a program participant may receive for each type of financial assistance. The ESG Grantee may also set a maximum period for which a program participant may receive any of the types of assistance or services under this section. However, except for housing stability case management, the total period for which any program participant may receive the **services** must not exceed 24 months during any 3-year period. The limits on the assistance under this section apply to the total assistance an individual receives, either as an individual or as part of a family.
- Use with other subsidies. Financial assistance under this section cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving the same type of assistance through other public sources

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### **Rapid Re-Housing**

#### **2. Short-term and medium-term rental assistance**

An ESG recipient or sub-recipient recipient may provide a program participant with up to 24 months of rental assistance during any 3-year period. This assistance may be short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, payment of rental arrears, or any combination of this assistance.

#### *Eligible Costs*

The following are eligible rental assistance costs subject to the rent restrictions identified below

- ✓ Short-term rental assistance: up to 3 months of rent.
- ✓ Medium-term rental assistance: more than 3 months but not more than 24 months rent
- ✓ Payment of rental arrears consists of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.
- ✓ Rental assistance may be tenant- based or project-based,